

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The key may be implemented in the form of an electronic circuit, e.g., in an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) or a computer program.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The computer program may be stored on suitable data media such as Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memories (EEPROMs), flash memories or even Compact Disk Read-Only Memories (CD ROMs), diskettes or hard drives. The computer program is run on an electronic computing unit, e.g., a microprocessor, in the programming unit or control unit.--.